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Dear Examiner Thanh,

This is in response to the outstanding Office Action, dated December 1, 2004, in the above-identified application.

This Amendment is believed to be timely submitted. It is believed that no fee is due; however, in the event a fee is required, please charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 1.3-3723.

Please find the following in this paper: (1) Amendments to the Claims, which are reflected in the Listing of Claims, beginning on page 2, and (2) Remarks, beginning on page 11. Reconsideration of the application is requested in view of the amendments and remarks.